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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU ENVOY FERNANDEZ'S VISIT

1. GIL FERNANDEZ, GUINEA-BISSAU DIPLOMAT, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR DURING VISIT TO EMBASSY OCT 15 TO COLLECT VISA BEFORE GOING TO UN. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY F.N.U. ALVAREZ, GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA.

2. FERNANDEZ SAID GUINEA-BISSAU WILL OPEN MISSIONS IN PARIS AND WASHINGTON, IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK, DAKAR, CONAKRY, LISBON AND SCANDINAVIA. NOW ACCREDITED TO SCANDINAVIA AND RESIDENT IN STOCKHOLM, HE BELIEVES HE WILL BECOME UN PERMREP,BUT NOT CERTAIN WHO WILL GO TO WASHINGTON. FERNANDEZ WHO WAS QUITE INFORMAL AND CORDIAL,ESTIMATED GUINEA-BISSAU ATTITUDES TOWARD THE USG AS "VERY GOOD". GOGB HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY WARM
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RECEPTION ACCORDED THEIR REP BY USG IN NEW YORK

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AND INDICATED US HAD HELPED HIM AND HIS NEW
COUNTRY IN MANY WAYS. RIGHT NOW GUINEA-BISSAU LEADER-
SHIP IS PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL
PROBLEMS WHICH TAKE PRECENDENCE OVER COSTLY BUT NECES-
SARY FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING
TIME FOR A LONGER CONVERSATION BUT SAID HE WOULD
SUGGEST THAT HIS COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL
FLAVIA, STOP BY SOON FOR TOUR D'HORIZON.

3. TRAVEL BETWEEN DAKAR AND BISSAU WILL BE FACILITATED
SOON BY OPEING OF SCHEDULED AIR SENEGAL FLIGHT,
ALREADY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE BY BOTH NATIONS. AIR
LINK BETWEEN CONAKRY AND BISSAU "NOT WORKING TOO
WELL", HE SAID.

4. FERNANDEZ RECALLED HIS COLLEGE DAYS IN PENNSYLVANIA
WITH NOSTALGIA AND SAID HE FELT AT HOME IN US.
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